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FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDE PARTICIPATING IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS AND  
UTILIZATION OF THE SAME

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE**

August 14, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response mailed July 18, 2008, entry and consideration of this corrected response are requested. Paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing do not add new matter; their contents are the same.

Kindly enter the attached substitute Sequence Listing in lieu of the original which was submitted on November 21, 2007. In accordance with the comments in the marked-up CRF Problem Report, the attached Sequence Listing was corrected. Applicants submit that the attached paper and computer readable copies comply with 37 CFR § 1.821 et seq. Otherwise, prompt notice of any defects and additional time to comply are requested.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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